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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Reply Brief pursuant to the Examiner's Answer mailed in this case on August 9, 2004. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Reply Brief, however, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any amounts required for this Reply Brief and to credit any amounts overpaid to Deposit Account. No. 502264.

Remarks

In the Response to Arguments section of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner sets forth:

Applicant's argument that the Kubota reference discloses and relates solely to microprocessors and that providing manufacturer specific identification information identifying a computer system manufacturer is patently distinct from uniquely identifying a particular microprocessor is not persuasive because Applicant is not claiming providing manufacturer specific identification information identifying the manufacturer of a personal computer system that is user interface able, which is the apparent intention based on Applicant's arguments. The microprocessor of Kubota meets the claim limitation of a computer system using a broad by reasonably interpretation. This